

Tuesday, July 20, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8817–S8900

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1394–1405, and S. Con. Res. 45–46. **Pages S8874–75**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 348, to authorize and facilitate a program to enhance training, research and development, energy conservation and efficiency, and consumer education in the oilheat industry for the benefit of oilheat consumers and the public, and for other purposes, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–109)

S. 746, to provide for analysis of major rules, to promote the public's right to know the costs and benefits of major rules, and to increase the accountability of quality of Government, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–110)

S. 937, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–111)

S. 695, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a national cemetery for veterans in the Atlanta, Georgia, metropolitan area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–113)

S. 1402, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans. (S. Rept. No. 106–114)

H.R. 1833, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for the United States Customs Service for drug interdiction and other operations, for the Office of the United States Trade Representative, for the United States International Trade Commission, with an amendment. **Page S8874**

Measures Passed:

30th Anniversary of the Lunar Landing: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 46, expressing the sense of Congress that the July 20, 1999, 30th anniversary of the first lunar landing should be a day of celebration and reflection on the Apollo-11 mission to the Moon and the accomplishments of the Apollo program throughout the 1960's and 1970's. **Pages S8895–99**

Intelligence Authorization: Senate began consideration of H.R. 1555, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2000 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8818–25, S8854–62, S8864–68**

Adopted:

Coverdell Amendment No. 1259, to block assets of narcotics traffickers who pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. **Pages S8865–68**

Pending:

Kyl Amendment No. 1258, to restructure Department of Energy nuclear security functions, including the establishment of the Agency for Nuclear Stewardship. **Pages S8858–62, S8864–65**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 212), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of the bill. **Pages S8818–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for certain amendments to be proposed thereto and final passage of the bill. **Page S8854**

Trade Status With China: By 12 yeas to 87 nays (Vote No. 213), Senate rejected the motion to discharge the Finance Committee of S.J. Res. 27, disapproving the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of the People's Republic of China. **Pages S8842–51**

Trade Status With Vietnam: By 5 yeas to 94 nays (Vote No. 214), Senate rejected the motion to discharge the Finance Committee of S.J. Res. 28, disapproving the extension of the waiver authority contained in section 402(c) of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to Vietnam. **Pages S8825–35, S8851**

Campaign Finance Reform—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for

the consideration of campaign finance reform legislation at a time to be determined, but not later than Tuesday, October 12, 1999. Pages S8851–52, S8854

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—214) Pages S8825, S8851

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:25 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S8899–S8900.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S.-KOSOVO POLICY AND OPERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the United States policy and military operations regarding Kosovo, focusing on Operation Allied Force and NATO's actions, after receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. Henry H. Shelton, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS DECLARATIONS PARTICIPATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 729, to ensure that Congress and the public have the right to participate in the declaration of national monuments on Federal land, after receiving testimony from Representative Cannon; George Frampton, Acting Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Idaho State Representative Charles D. Cuddy, Orofino; John F. Shepherd, Holland and Hart, Denver, Colorado; William P. Horn, Birch, Horton, Bittner, and Cherot, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish, Wildlife and Parks, and Marcia F. Argust, National Parks and Conservation Association, both of Washington, D.C.; and Louise Liston, Garfield County, Escalante, Utah.

HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water held hearings to examine the extent and quality of the science of the Endangered Species Act's habitat conservation plans, receiving testimony from Peter Kareiva, Senior Ecologist, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Stuart Pimm, University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and Dennis D. Murphy, University of Nevada, Reno.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee began markup of the proposed Taxpayer Refund Act of 1999, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Philippines and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Palau, Robert S. Gelbard, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, M. Osman Siddique, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Fiji, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Tonga, and Ambassador to Tuvalu, and Sylvia Gaye Stanfield, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Gelbard was introduced by Senators Coverdell and Biden, and Mr. Siddique was introduced by Senator Warner.

U.N. INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations held closed hearings on issues relating to the United Nations International Criminal Court, receiving testimony from David J. Scheffer, Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

SWEEPSTAKES COMPANIES DECEPTIVE MAILINGS

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine deceptive mailings and the need for legislation to curb the deceptive practices used in the sweepstakes, skill contests and government look-alike mailings, after receiving testimony from